

Iron County Register.

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BRANTON, MISSOURI.

The average daily transactions of the New York clearing house make a grand total of \$555,071,688.

A British sailor who coughed when silence was ordered was dropped several grades. A cough-drop, so to speak.

The report that Japan consumed 500 tons of whale meat every month may be true, but it looks like a fish story at this distance.

Russia claims to be in worse condition than it was a year ago, although at that time it thought it was holding the world's record.

An Iowa wife beater who was lynched would have inherited \$150,000 in a few days. He beat out his inheritance by a very small margin.

Great Britain will have some difficulty in finding employment for its lords, if the project to abandon the upper house meets with any favor.

Somehow England does not seem to be at all elated over the fact that its representative in Jamaica put an entire squadron of American warships to flight.

It may be true, as that floating paragraph asserts, that King Edward eats six square meals a day, but what's the use of being a king if you can't eat all you want to?

The man who claims to catch the most fish, says Grover Cleveland, is not necessarily the truest sportsman. No, but he is the biggest liar, which is something.

An Oklahoma editor says there are two ways of spending a dollar. If he ever gets outside his native bullwink he will find more ways than that. We know of at least three.

A Kentucky woman who is suing her husband for divorce on the charge of irregular habits claims he has been drunk constantly for 13 years. Anything irregular in that?

Austrian exporters claim that the Chinese pay their bills more promptly than the Japanese. Is that to be taken as evidence that the Japanese are the more civilized of the two?

The newest thing in vests, as shown at the convention of the National Custom Cutters' association in Chicago, buttons down the back. Fellow-citizens, shall we stand for this?

Scientists tell us that when the thermometer is down to zero there is still considerable heat present. It must be in the breast of the scientist who is looking at the thermometer.

It is announced that Edison intends to devote the rest of his life to amusement. Perhaps. It is like to be, however, the same sort of amusement that has always appealed to Edison—work.

It is easier to tell the truth than to tell a lie, according to Johnny Rockefeller. Of course it is, when you have plenty of money. Only the poor have to slide around the corners of the truth.

The chief health officer of New Haven has commanded people to stop kissing until the epidemic of grip is over. Notwithstanding, it is said the disease continues to rage among the young folks with the utmost ferocity.

Concerning the story about the good humor of the Kaiser when hit by a snowball it may suggest the reflection that the Berlin boys have a favorable judgment of the effect of a favorable election on the imperial temper.

One of the most interesting little charities is that of a Yorkshire (England) stationmaster, who every week of his life makes a toy railway engine. At the end of the year he sends the lot to a hospital for the use of the boys in the institution.

It is now believed the new domain will be distinctly hostile to the czar, and the new shah of Persia is having trouble with his constitutional assembly. Evidently the political earthquakes are going to be heard from before the upheaval cycle passes.

A New York man who had \$15,000 cash in his pockets dreamed he was robbed and the next evening a highwayman held him up. This was bad for the man, but not so bad as it would have been if he had not banked the money before he met the thief.

Edward VII. receives \$470,000 a year and the entire royal family of England is provided for by the civil lists with incomes aggregating \$900,000. The Kaiser receives an annual allowance of \$650,000, the king of Italy is well provided for with \$3,000,000 a year, and King Alfonso of Spain is given \$1,400,000 a year to provide the style that should surround a king.

A Topeka family returned from church to find that burglars had carried off everything but the carpets on the floors. If it had returned from any other place they would have got the carpets, too.

The shah left 600 widows. If the number grows at the ratio the original Florida girls did, Persia will soon be overrun.

The vice president's job in Venezuela must be a frost, too. They have a revolution there because he won't preside.

Judge Craig Biddle, who has served continuously on the Philadelphia bench for more than a quarter of a century, recently celebrated the eighty-fourth anniversary of his birthday.

At Valdez, Alaska, the snow is seven feet deep and the wind is blowing a gale. Apparently the thing for the people to do is to get under the snow and let it blow.

A Pennsylvania firm is making paper out of straw. The demand for breakfast foods must have fallen off.

STRONG, BUT LOSING WEIGHT!



"RICH MEN'S PANIC"

PRICES PLUNGE DOWNWARD IN WALL STREET.

ONLY MILLIONAIRES HURT

Enormous Losses Have Occurred, But to Men Who Are Able to Shoulder the Consequences.

New York, N. Y.—There was further drastic liquidation in the stock market, and periods of exciting weakness, during which prices plunged downwards to a level in many cases lower than for several years past.

Enormous Losses. This week has been singularly free in fact from rumors of financial embarrassments, although the extent of the decline makes the fact of enormous losses having occurred a matter of course. The conviction remains general that these have fallen generally in the millionaire class, and amongst those who could shoulder the burden without ruinous consequences.

It is this conviction which gives the present decline the name of the "rich men's panic" amongst professional operators.

Gloomy sentiment was accentuated by the discouraging views on the industrial outlook expressed by E. H. Harriman, in one of various interviews.

YELLOW FEVER IN THE WAY. The Congressional party on way to Ithaca may be halted.

New York, N. Y.—Speaker Cannon and the other members of the congressional party who sailed a few days ago on the Hamburg-American steamer Blucher, may not be permitted to visit Colon, according to information received here. The party had planned to stop at Colon on the homeward trip and inspect the canal work. News has been received that the Panama government has established a quarantine against Venezuela ports because of a reported outbreak of yellow fever at La Guayana. The Blucher is scheduled to call at La Guayana and also at Puerto Cabello before she reaches the isthmus.

Officers of the Hamburg-American line said that every effort will be made to arrange for the landing of the congressional party at Colon. It may be possible to induce the passengers on the Blucher to consent to a change in the schedule. If this can be done, the company may appeal to President Roosevelt to ask Panama to make an exception in the quarantine regulations in the case of the congressional party.

Was Instantly Killed. Chester, Pa.—In an effort to escape being burned to death, John Conly, a comedian, was instantly killed by jumping from a window of the Arcade hotel, where the theatrical company was stopping.

THIRTY-FOUR LIVES LOST. Two Vessels Founder During a Heavy Gale in the North Sea.

Berlin, Germany.—A dispatch from Cuxhaven reports the loss of 34 lives by the foundering of two vessels—a German cargo steamer, the George Wottern, and a trawler—during a heavy gale in the North sea.

The dispatch says no further details have been received, but that it is believed those drowned comprised all aboard both vessels.

Boy Commits Suicide. Carterville, Ill.—John Smith, fifteen years old, and threatened with arrest for selling a calf hide a week ago and in hiding since, was found dead, with a broken neck, in the Fordville church, having committed suicide. He had raised one end of a heavy roll-top desk and, putting his neck under the footrest connecting two sections of the desk, had knocked away the prop, allowing the heavy desk to fall on his throat, fracturing his neck and strangle him to death.

Shoe House Destroyed. Cumberland, Md.—The four-story brick building of the Maryland Shoe Co. here was burned Saturday. The loss is \$100,000; insurance, \$60,000. The Queen City hotel and the wholesale house of J. C. Orrick & Son caught fire, but were saved.

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HILL ROADS RAISE WAGES

EMPLOYEES GRANTED AN INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT.

Increase Reported Made in Anticipation of Trainmen's Vote.

Chicago.—Anticipating the result of the vote now being taken by the trainmen and conductors as to what further action on their part will be taken regarding wages and working conditions, the James J. Hill system of railways has granted what will be equivalent to 11 per cent increase in wages to their employees.

It is understood the Hill system has withdrawn from any further negotiations with the general managers' committee and the chiefs of the two divisions of employees.

Arbitration was suggested as a means of settling the dispute between the men and their employers, but the advance on the part of the management of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, Soo Line and all the roads centering in St. Paul will make further negotiations unnecessary, as the employees of these lines will endorse the offer and accept the advance.

THE INDIANA LEGISLATURE. House Fails to Pass Police Bill Over the Governor's Veto.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 8.—The house failed to pass the metropolitan police bill over the veto of the governor, but the bill can be taken up again. It began consideration of the general appropriations bill in committee of the whole and increased the salary of the woman state statistician to \$3,000. A bill to prohibit corporations from contributing to a campaign fund failed for lack of a constitutional majority. The senate accepted the report of the joint conference committee of the house and senate on the anti-trust bill striking out the words "harmful and unreasonable" amendments. Gov. Hanly vetoed the bill granting the long-standing claim of Vincennes university.

STREET CAR JUMPS TRACK. Twelve Passengers Injured by Shock and Flying Glass.

St. Louis, Mo.—Rotten rails are believed to have caused the injury of 12 persons, eight passengers and both crews on two Bellefontaine cars, one of which jumped the track, struck the other, ran 20 feet on the sidewalk and was reduced to wreckage on California avenue, 100 feet south of Cherokee street, at 6:25 a. m. Friday. Fred Chesser of 4329 California avenue, a passenger on the northbound car, was hurt internally, cut on the head, badly bruised and is in a serious condition.

Jockey Hurt, Horse Shot. New Orleans, La.—Jockey Major was badly injured at the steeplechase at City Park when his mount, Fabian, fell. The jockey was kicked by several horses. Fabian broke his leg and was shot.

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PROBING THE SHORTAGE

ROOSEVELT ORDERS STRICT INVESTIGATION MADE.

TELLER THREATENS EXPOSE

Fitzgerald Says He Suggested Plan to Prevent Chicago Theft.

Chicago.—Direct orders from President Roosevelt for Chief John Wilkie of the secret service to remain in Chicago until an explanation of the mysterious theft is made, caused renewed vigor to be injected into the inquiry into the \$172,000 sub-treasury theft Wednesday.

Rumors that Assistant Treasurer Boldenwick and other sub-treasury officials will be asked to resign could not be quieted around the Federal building, and caused considerable uneasiness among the officials. It is known that the president is insisting on protection against future thefts.

Although the compulsory leave of absence given to George W. Fitzgerald, assistant teller, expired Wednesday, he was not allowed to return to his cage. Mr. Boldenwick is awaiting advice from Washington, and until his superiors direct him otherwise Fitzgerald's leave will be extended.

"I have not heard from Washington yet. I can't say what will be done," Mr. Boldenwick declared.

Fitzgerald threatened revelations if he was not put back to work, it is understood, including the charge that the officials ignored his suggestions as to safeguards by which the loss of the \$173,000 would have been impossible. The expert government counters began the counting of the \$52,000,000 in gold and \$2,000,000 in silver coin in the sub-treasury vaults Wednesday.

POSTAL ORDER MISLEADING. Tinselled Post Cards May Be Enclosed in Envelopes.

Washington.—The first report sent out regarding the barring from the mail of all postal cards bearing pictures of glass, metal, mica, sand, tin or other similar substance, was misleading. Such cards will be permitted to pass through the mails, provided they are enclosed in envelopes, according to the post office department's ruling.

Adolph Selig, a large publisher of souvenir post cards in St. Louis, declared today that it would be only fair to the public to set a certain date upon which the order barring such cards from the mail would go into effect. He said that there are probably 20,000,000 of these cards now in the hands of either the public or small retail dealers all over the country and that he considered it unfair to them to prohibit cards from the mail upon a short notice.

Mr. Selig further declared that the report was misleading and created a false impression among the public. Hundreds of persons, he asserted, are making a living tinselling post cards. He stated that such an order as was issued only misled the public and created false impressions, which was harmful in its consequence to both the producer and consumer.

PREACHER JARS LEGISLATURE. Members Here "to Draw Pay, Draw Corks and Draw Poker."

Sacramento, Cal.—A small sensation was caused in the assembly when Rev. Mr. Schlever regretted that the Sunday law, the anti-prizefight and anti-race track bills and other moral reforms had failed to pass the legislature, and deplored that so many members were evidently here "to draw pay, draw corks and draw poker."

Eggs Cheaper in New York. New York, N. Y.—The receipts of eggs in the New York market the last three days amount to \$1,111 cases, and as there are 30 dozen to the case the local merchants were called on to take care of 29,199,960 eggs, enough to supply metropolitan breakfasts for some time. With this enormous surplus of eggs, which were branded "fresh," prices dropped 6c a dozen.

Opposed to a Strike. Omaha, Neb.—Organized labor in Omaha has officially declared against a strike of the street railway union and recommended to the street car unions that no strike be declared.

Peru Exporting Petroleum. Lima, Peru.—The first shipment of raw petroleum from Peru, 3,000 tons, has left here for Buenos Ayres.

Mob Kills a Negro. Americus, Ga.—William Reese, a negro, seriously wounded Policeman William Morris and was himself surrounded in a house and killed. Reese made a desperate resistance, shooting at the attacking officers, but only succeeded in slightly wounding Policeman Willis.

Japan Has Wireless Torpedo. Washington, D. C.—Japan has succeeded in building a wonderful torpedo, to be fired by wireless telegraphy, according to information received unofficially at the navy department.

President Signs Aldrich Bill. Washington.—The Aldrich currency bill became a law by the president's approval. It was signed at the White House.

Four Killed in the Holden Mine. Scranton, Pa.—It now appears that all the men were taken out of the Holden mine on Saturday; that the only victims of the explosion were eight seriously burned, four of whom have died. No one is reported missing, and no bodies have been found.

The Use of Submarines. London, Eng.—Replying to a question in the house of commons, Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey said it would be unreasonable to expect to powers, at The Hague peace conference next summer, to consider the propriety of continuing the use of submarine vessels.

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MINERS IN MASS MEETING

Score "Kidnaping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone."

San Francisco, Cal.—The first mass meeting of the Miners' Defense League was held at Walton's pavilion Sunday afternoon, and was attended by over 4,000 union labor men.

Eighty-four labor unions were officially represented by appointed delegates, and many unions by their entire membership. Indignation was expressed over what is termed "the kidnaping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone by the Idaho authorities with the connivance of the governor of Colorado," and the fact that the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners have been held so long without trial. The assembly was in the nature of an indignation meeting.

A number of resolutions were passed which in strong terms denounced capitalists, criticized the action of the courts and threatened retaliation if the lives of the prisoners were sacrificed.

PRaises South America. Brazilian Ambassador Says Country Developing Rapidly.

Buenos Ayres.—Irving B. Dudley, American ambassador to Brazil, is here on a visit. In an interview he declared that he was surprised at the immense changes and improvements made since a former visit to Argentina three years ago. He congratulated the country on the railroad building, especially that to the northward. As Peru and Bolivia are also engaged in building railroads the Pan American line will be relative easy.

The ambassador spoke of the program in Chili and Peru, and said that the whole of South America has entered an era of progressive development.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE ENDED. Canal Authorities Will Abolish Privilege in April.

Panama.—The order issued by the canal authorities has caused much comment and dissatisfaction among the employees. The order abolishes cumulative leaves of absence and obliges all those entitled to three months leave to take it on April 1 or lose the right to any leave at all.

Many of the employees intend to ask for their leave at once and their action may disorganize the situation, besides handicapping the work of the several departments. Indignation meetings are being held along the line of the canal and these may result in the modification of the order.

ILLEGAL REBATES CHARGED. One Indictment of Standard Oil Co. Begins Trial.

Chicago.—Trial of one of the eight federal indictments against the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana began before Federal Judge Landis Monday. The indictment contains 1903 counts and charges acceptance from railroads of illegal rebates aggregating \$222,369.30.

The indictment upon which the first trial will be based is known as the "Alton case," and involves freight charges on oil shipped over the Chicago & Alton railroads between Whiting, Ind., and East St. Louis, Ill., and St. Louis.

The penalty to be imposed for each violation of the law is a fine of \$1,000 to \$20,000. Should the government be successful in its contention that each shipment treated separately in the 1903 counts is a distinct violation, the minimum total fine possible is \$1,907,000.

CORTELYOU BELIEVES IN SAFETY. Danger of Some of the Railroads Being Overtaken as to Speed.

Washington.—Postmaster General Cortelyou has issued instructions defining the attitude of the post office department regarding fast mail trains. He states that while the department should insist upon the most expeditious service feasible, it should not exert its authority to such an extent as to compel the establishment of railroad schedules inconsistent with entire safety to all persons carried on these trains. The postmaster general thinks that there is danger of some of the roads being overtaken in the matter of speed.

THE INDIANA LEGISLATURE. Monument to Memory of Soldiers Who Died at Andersonville.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The state senate passed 15 house bills, including the bill to increase the school tuition levy from 11.6 cents to 13.6 cents; also to appropriate \$10,000 for the erection of a monument to the memory of the soldiers who died at Andersonville prison; also to make Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday.

Against Corporation Contributions. Des Moines, Ia.—The Iowa legislature has enacted, with the passage in the lower house, a law to prevent corporations contributing to campaign funds.

Argentine Loan Confirmed. Buenos Ayres, Argentina.—Argentine Minister of Finance De La Bosa confirms the report of negotiations in London for a loan of \$35,000,000. He claims the arrangements are almost completed. The loan will bear 5 per cent interest.

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THE OPIUM TRAFFIC

UNITED STATES TAKES LEAD IN WAR UPON "WORLD'S CURSE."

International Conference Which Shall Devise Measure for Suppression of Use of the Drug.

Washington, March 12.—The United States government has taken the initiative in inaugurating a new war upon the opium vice. Following a careful sounding of Great Britain, China and Japan, the three countries directly interested, Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, with the approval of President Roosevelt, has extended an invitation to all the powers having possessions in the far east to participate in an international conference which shall devise measures for the suppression of the use of opium if this be possible, or at least its restriction.

Negotiations on this subject have been in progress since last September. At that time the president received from Bishop Charles H. Bret, since 1902 bishop of the Episcopal church for the Philippine Islands, a letter calling his attention to the spread of opium smoking in the archipelago, and urging that international measures be taken by which the vice could be eradicated, not only in the American possessions but throughout the east.

President Roosevelt referred his letter to Assistant Secretary Bacon, Mr. Root at the time being in South America, and the latter at once sent instructions to the American ambassador at London directing him to ascertain from the British government if it would take part in such a conference.

Britain Favors Plan. The assent of Great Britain was a prime requisite because India is the home of the opium poppy, and the total value of the trade is \$31,000,000 annually. Moreover, as is generally known, the British government forced war on China in 1839 for the purpose of compelling the admission of opium, and this war proved the entering wedge into Chinese commercial and political isolation.

To the gratification of the president and Mr. Bacon the reply of the British government was favorable, it being stated that a representative would be sent to an anti-opium conference, if other nations interested in the trade would participate. Perhaps the action of the British authorities was influenced by the fact that the Indian trade in this drug was being menaced by the growth of the poppy in China itself.

Sir Robert Hart, for years head of the Chinese customs service, estimated several years ago that the total production of opium in China amounted to 20,000,000 pounds per annum, while the imports averaged about 6,600,000 pounds. During the last 20 years there has been a rapid increase in the area of poppy cultivation in China and now opium is produced in greater or less quantity in every province.

Chinese authorities in 1903 sought the approval of the British government to an increase in the tax on imported opium, but the British government declined unless an equal increase was made in the tax on the native production.

Japan Would Stop Traffic. Having secured the approval of Great Britain, Mr. Bacon turned to Japan and ascertained that that government also would take part in a conference. The disposition of the Japanese government was most friendly, not only because of its desire to end the use of opium at home, but also to suppress it in its colony at Formosa and in Korea, which is under its protection and in southern Manchuria, where so many Japanese are establishing themselves.

Then representations were made to China. That government for years has been anxious to stop opium smoking. It is estimated that four out of every ten Chinese use the drug. Many attempts have been made in the past to suppress the habit by stringent laws, but these were never enforced except here and there by energetic and patriotic viceroys, who were not themselves addicted to the vice and felt that it was sapping the strength of the nation. Perhaps one reason why the laws were not enforced effectively was the severity of the penalty imposed for its violation—strangulation.

"THE SALOON MUST GO." Knoxville Votes by Nearly 2,000 Votes to Close Them.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Knoxville, by a majority of nearly 2,000 votes, has decided that the saloons must go. Under a state law granting incorporated cities the right to say whether or not they desire to license saloons, an election was held as an expression of sentiment. Six months' time will be allowed the saloons to close and quit.

STARTING OUT YOUNG. Four-Year-Old Kentuckian Kills a Woman.

London, Ky.—Harvey Rowe, a 4-year-old boy, shot and killed Mrs. Betty Griffin with a revolver near this city. The woman before she died said the child loaded the revolver and said he was going out in the yard and shoot a chicken. When she protested against this he turned on her, saying, "Look out," and fired. He does not seem to realize his deed.

Veterans Apply for Pensions. Washington.—Commissioner of Pensions Warner states that 185,000 applications for pensions have been filed under the service pension law enacted during month of February, the last month of the session of congress just closed. The commissioner estimates that 300,000 applications will be embraced under the new law, which allows the granting of a pension for service in the Mexican and civil wars at the rate of \$12 a month to veterans 72 years old; \$15 to those 65, and \$20 to those 70 years old.

State Happenings.

Six Missourians to Hang.

Jefferson City.—The Missouri supreme court has affirmed six first-degree murder cases and ordered that six executions shall take place in different parts of the state April 18.

Thomas Cooper is to be hanged in Columbia for killing Warren Meredith in a saloon row.

Marlin Paulsgrove is to be executed in Savannah, Andrew county, for killing Mary Neuman.

John Brooks and Amelick Brooks are under sentence of death in Iron county for killing John Clemons.

David Long will be hanged in Cahoonville, Pemiscot county, for the murder of C. C. Still.

John M. Clay is to meet death for the murder of his wife Henrietta, in Kansas City.

Testified Against Her Father. Noel.—In the preliminary trial of Charles Heath, who is pleading self-defense in the killing of Charles Moxter, a school teacher of Saratoga, Lou Heath, daughter of the defendant, over whom the shooting took place, denied that the teacher acted other than proper toward her. Henry Noel, a nephew of the defendant, testified that his uncle threw rocks at the teacher and then shot him. Heath is a wealthy farmer near Saratoga.

Shelby Has Banner Tax Year. Shelbyville.—Shelby county claims to have made the closest collection of taxes of any county in the state during the last year. George M. Brown, collector of the revenue of the county, made a final settlement with the county court for the year 1906. The total amount charged to him was \$76,305.61. He collected \$75,480.74, leaving a delinquent list of only \$824.87.

Honored by Czar's Sister. Kansas City.—J. A. L. Waddell, a bridge engineer, of this city, has received from Grand Duchess Olga, sister of Emperor Nicholas of Russia, notification that he has been elected a member of the Society of Benefactors because of his services in connection with preparing the plans for the trans-Alaska-Siberian railway. The duchess founded the order.

They Forgot Mother. St. Louis.—Policeman James Hickey entered the burning home of Mrs. Mary Youngerman at an early hour, wrapped a blanket around her and carried her down three flights of burning stairway. Mrs. Youngerman was insensible. The other members of the family had escaped, but forgot mother.

Blind, Little But Mighty. St. Louis.—Blind and but four feet in stature, Rev. Joe M. Ramsey, of Manchester, Tenn., an evangelist, well known throughout the south, will open a two weeks' revival at the Cook Avenue M. E. church.

The Aggie Myers Case. Jefferson City.—Atty. Gen. Hadley has forwarded a motion to the federal court to dismiss the appeal of Mrs. Aggie Myers, under sentence of death for the murder of her husband. The attorneys for Mrs. Myers have failed to perfect their appeal.

The Subject of Dairying. New Haven.—R. M. Washburn, Missouri dairy commissioner, and John H. Curran, president of the Immigration Society of Missouri, lectured to a good audience at Gruebel's opera house on the subject of "Dairying."

Want a Prohibition Amendment. Jefferson City.—Anti-saloon league and prohibitionists are working for the passage of resolution in the legislature providing for an election on prohibition amendment.

Woman Found Murdered. St. Louis.—Mrs. Kate Quernheim, aged 56, was found murdered in her home, 3720 West avenue. The police are looking for her nephew, Edward Bergmann, who has disappeared.

Blown to Atoms. Joplin.—John Turrell, a "powder monkey" employed at the Davey No. 2 mine at Prosperity, nine miles east of Joplin, was blown to atoms by an explosion of powder.

Criticized Marriage Laws. St. Louis.—A circuit court judge criticized the laws of Missouri which permits children to marry in annulling the wedding of 15-year-old Kathleen Mitchell.

The Alleged Lumber Trust. St. Louis.—Information increases for inquiry into the alleged lumber trust, which will start with St. Louis people.

Robbed a Clothing Store. Lamar.—Galloway's clothing store was robbed of money and a large quantity of wearing apparel.

Veterans Dropping Off. Mount Vernon.—Leroy Brooks, a veteran of the civil war, aged 65, the ninth member of Coleman post, G. A. R., to die in the past year.

A Former Editor Dead. Springfield.—J. C. Buchanan, former editor of the Illinois State Journal, died at Pittsburg, Pa., a few days ago, aged 75.

Fell Seventy Feet and Lives. St. Louis.—James McGregor, aged 52, fell 70 feet through a grain chute and escaped with a wrenched back, broken leg and cut head.

A Great Car Plant. St. Louis.—The American Car and Foundry Co. is now completing its \$2,000,000 all-steel car plant in South St. Louis; employ 2,500 men.

Denied Second Class Rates. St. Louis.—E. G. Lewis is denied second class rate for his publication. Must deposit \$50,000 on deposit at St. Louis postoffice.

Woman Shot. Sparta.—Mrs. Arthur Keigley was shot down on the street in Percy, and her husband has been arrested for the crime.